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PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 18^A C
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SUBJECT: Survey of Facilities for Collecting Foreign Intelligence Information by Clandestine Methods

1. a. Reference paragraphs 1 a and b, Planning Directive No. 18a, Admiral Souers and Mr. Douglass have indicated that they do not wish to attend hearings. Notices will not be sent them. Notices will be sent to the other five listed individuals for every hearing where persons authorized under the provisions of paragraph 5 of CIG Directive No. 3 are to give information to the committee.

b. It is emphasized that these hearings are primarily for the purpose of securing information from the witnesses, and for hearing such suggestions and opinions as they may offer. It is not intended that these be deliberative meetings, and every effort will be made to avoid disclosing to witnesses the possible trend of action by the Central Intelligence Group.

c. Of the witnesses to appear at a hearing, only witnesses from one organization at a time will be admitted to the hearing. Each will be cautioned as outlined in the first two sentences of paragraph 2 d, Planning Directive No. 18. The importance of his discussing the subject of the hearing with no one except the committee members, the authorized visitors present, and the particular chief the witness represents, will be stressed.

2. The hearings referred to in paragraph 1, above, will be carefully distinguished from the committee's deliberative meetings referred to in paragraph 2 in Planning Directive No. 18. At such deliberative meetings, the committee may discuss the problem freely with any authorized witness. In general, it is desirable that only one witness at a time be present at this type of meeting. Such meetings will be open only to those authorized visitors specifically requested by the committee.

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